

Holy Cross Day

September 14, 2025

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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Tune: Ithamar Conkey, 1815–67

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Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn:

Invocation

L In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Kyrie

L Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession and Absolution

- L** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- L** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:
- "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."
- C** Amen.

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

- L** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- C** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.
- L** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
- C** More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.
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Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 119:169–176

- L** Let my cry come before you, O LORD;
give me understanding according to your word!
- C** Let my plea come before you;
deliver me according to your word.
- L** My lips will pour forth praise,
for you teach me your statutes.
- C** My tongue will sing of your word,
for all your commandments are right.
- L** Let your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your precepts.
- C** I long for your salvation, O LORD,
and your law is my delight.
- L** Let my soul live and praise you,
and let your just decrees help me.
- C** I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant,
for I do not forget your commandments.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Gloria in Excelsis



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord


C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles Creed


- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

837 Lift High the Cross

Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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Sermon

Offering

Prayer Response

- L** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

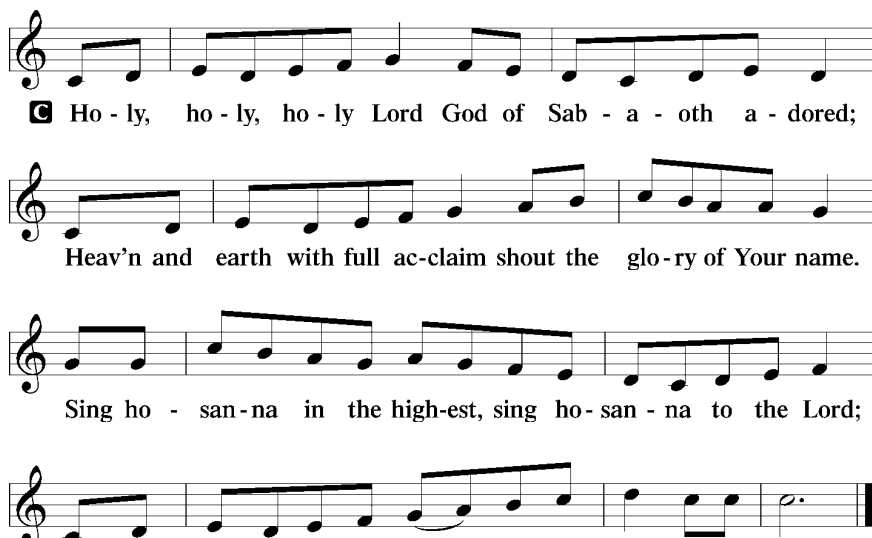
- L** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

- L** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

- L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- L** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:
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Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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Lord's Prayer

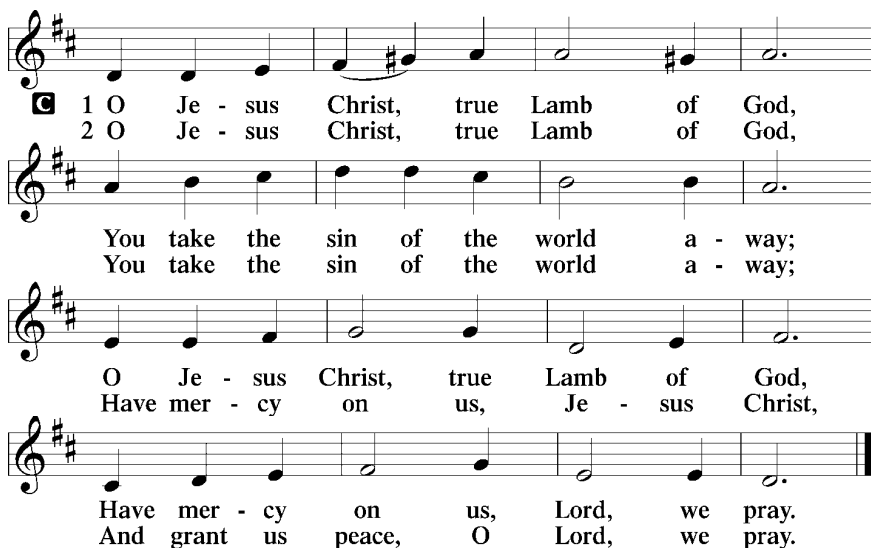
- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- L** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

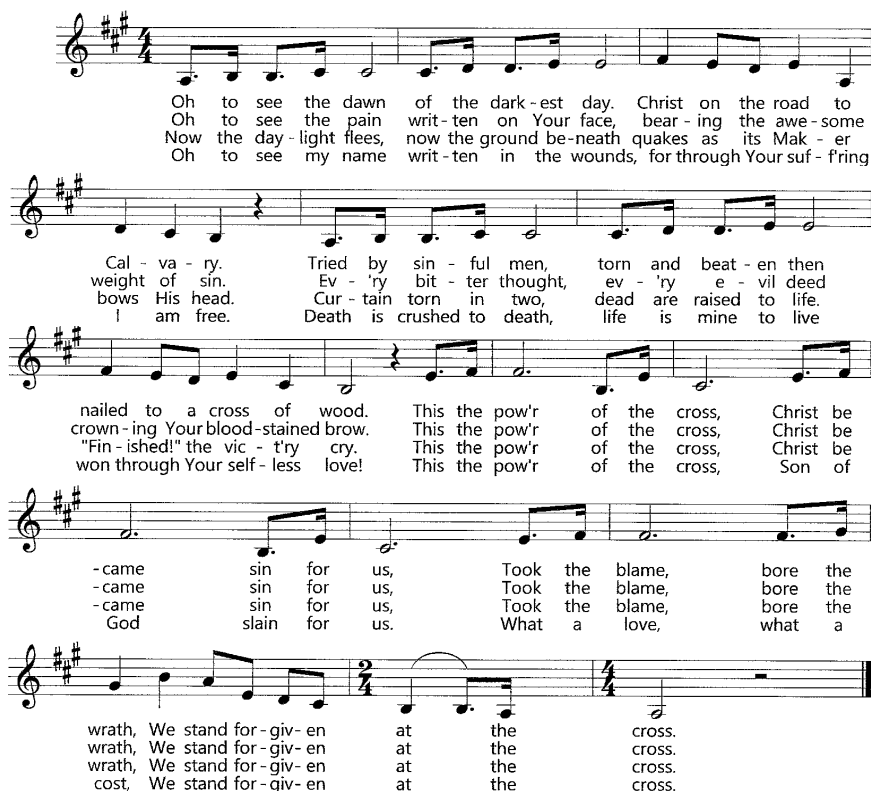
Agnus Dei



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

The Power of the Cross



Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day. Christ on the road to
 Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the awe - some
 Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath quakes as its Mak - er
 Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your suf - f'ring
 Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en then
 weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed
 bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
 I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
 nailed to a cross of wood. This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be
 crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be
 "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be
 won through Your self - less love! This the pow'r of the cross, Son of
 - came sin for us, Took the blame, bore the
 - came sin for us, Took the blame, bore the
 - came sin for us, Took the blame, bore the
 God slain for us. What a love, what a
 wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 cost, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

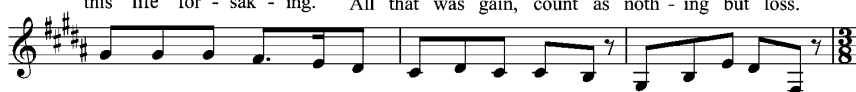
Come Unto Jesus



1. Come un - to Je - sus all
2. Joy of the com - for - less,
3. Come, taste the Bread of Life,
4. Come, now and fol - low Him,



you who are wea - ry. Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
 Light for the stray - ing, Hope of the pen - i - tent, Peace in our strife.
 bro - ken for sin - ners. Drink from the cup of His prom - ise made sure.
 this life for - sak - ing. All that was gain, count as noth - ing but loss.



Here, bring your wound - ed hearts, bro - ken and need - y. Come un - to Je - sus,
 Here speaks the Com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing My yoke is eas - y, my
 Feast at His ta - ble as sons and as daugh - ters. Grace o - ver - flow - ing is
 Trade all this world for His king - dom un - fad - ing. Come un - to Je - sus,



might - y to heal. *(To Verse 2)*
 bur - den is light. Come un - to Je - sus. Come un - to Je - sus.
 yours ev - er - more.
 take up your cross.



Lay down your bur - dens, He is e - nough. Come un - to Je - sus, rest in His



love.

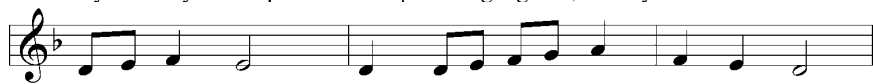
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419 Savior, When in Dust to Thee



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -
 2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of
 3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -
 4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -



dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies
 want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress
 ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
 pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode



Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy
 In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -
 Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that
 Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to



pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing
 te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O
 veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten
 heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing



from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!
 from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

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The Dismissal

L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

C Amen.

Call to Christian Community

L "For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another" (1 John 3:11). After singing our last song, please take time to greet one another, and if you see someone you don't know, introduce yourself. The Christian life isn't meant to be lived alone, but in community. Now receive God's Blessing:

Benediction

L Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God

L The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Lift High the Name of Jesus



1. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make known the pow - er
- (2. Lift) high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His pow'r in us is
- (3. Lift) high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No oth - er name on



of His grace, the beau - ty of His peace. Re - mem - ber how His
great - er than, is great - er than this world. To share the rea - son
earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He o - pens up our



mer - cy reached and we cried out to Him. He lift - ed us to
for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that all who see Him
eyes to see the har - vest He has grown. We la - bor in His



sol - id ground, to free - dom from our sin. Oh sing my soul and
shine through us might bring the Fa - ther praise.
fields of grace as He leads sin - ners home.



tell all He's done 'til the earth and heav - ens are filled with His glo - ry.

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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor William Engfehr) – 9:00 AM
- [Adult Bible Study](#) & Youth Confirmation – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- [Sunday School & Youth Confirmation](#) – 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study](#) – 6:30 AM (Downstairs)
- [Jr. & Sr. High Youth](#) – 6:30 PM (Staake Home)

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM

Announcements

LYA (Lutheran Young Adults) September Event

Join LYA for a farmer's market stroll and brunch/coffee on Saturday, September 20 from 9am-12pm at Vine Street Market and June's Breakfast & Patio! Come and go as you're able!



Israel, as a country, disappeared from the world's family of nations, during Old Testament times. It then reappeared as a nation in 1948. Is today's version of Israel the same as ancient Israel? Are Christians obligated to support the Israel of today? That's the subject of discussion on the newest episode of **Craving Answers Craving God**.

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